

IDEA Public Schools  
**IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting**  
November 30, 2023  
2:00 PM EST

**Board Members present:** Jorge Perez, Cynthia Geer, Deb Howard, Dwight Young

**Board Members not present:** Marquicia Jones-Woods, Deon Mack

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Consultants present:** Adam Schira, Jennifer White, Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, Ben Bracher, Jorge Chipres Castaneda, Valerie Sanchez, Marlon Shears, Andrea Fernandez, Julio Garcia, James Dworkin, Rickey Younger II, Angela Kinney, Matt Robinson, Megan Arenas-Goossen, Elizabeth Valades

**Audience present:** None

The meeting is called to order by Dwight Young, Board President, at 2:01 PM EST

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Board passed a motion to approve the board agenda for the meeting.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez  
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer  
All in favor: All present  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Jorge Perez  
All in favor: All present  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

**3. Public Comment**

None

#### 4. **Updates**

##### **A. National Updates**

- i. Dr. Jeffrey Cottrill, CEO/Superintendent, provided an update regarding the IPS Enterprises, Inc. Organizational Structure

##### **B. Regional Updates**

- i. Andrea Fernandez, Area Superintendent, provided an update regarding the Regional Action Plan: Academics & Chronic Absenteeism.
- ii. Andrea Fernandez, Area Superintendent, provided an update regarding the IDEA Greater Cincinnati Executive Director & Principal
- iii. Ben Bracher presented the November Residency Reports.

##### **C. Financial Updates**

- i. Valerie Sanchez, Director of Finance Analysis and Evaluation, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the October Financial Reports.
- ii. James Dworkin, Interim Chief Financial Officer, and Valerie Sanchez, presented the overall financial status for IPS Enterprises, Inc. (Charter Management Organization) as it relates to work with IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School).

##### **D. Fordham Updates**

Angela Kinney provided updates from Fordham regarding the IDEA Valley View Fall Site Visit.

##### **E. Board Member Recruitment**

Jennifer White, Managing Director of Governance and Policy, provided an update on Board Member Recruitment.

##### **F. Security Discussion [Executive Session]**

The Board passed a motion to enter executive session via roll call vote.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez

Second to motion: Cynthia Geer  
All in favor: All  
All Opposed: None  
*Motion carries.*

- i. The board entered executive session at 3:11 EST to discuss security items. No action was taken during executive session.
- ii. The board returned to open session at 3:24pm EST

5. Action Items

- A. The Board passed a motion to approve the November Residency Reports as presented.

Motion made by: Jorge Perez  
Second to motion: Cynthia Geer  
All in favor: All  
All Opposed: None  
*Motion carries.*

- B. The Board passed a motion to approve the October 2023 Treasurer's Financial Report for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School).

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Jorge Perez  
All in favor: All  
All Opposed: None  
*Motion carries.*

- C. The Board passed a motion to approve the candidate T.F. as IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. Board Member

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Jorge Perez  
All in favor: All  
All Opposed: None  
*Motion carries.*

6. **Consent Agenda**

The Board passed a motion to approve the consent agenda in one board action.

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Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Jorge Perez  
All in favor: All  
All Opposed: None  
*Motion carries.*

**Member Comment**

None

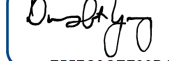
**Adjourn**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:28 PM EST.

Motion made by: Cynthia Geer  
Second to motion: Jorge Perez  
All in favor: All present  
All Opposed: None present  
*Motion carries.*

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Board of Directors of IDEA Greater Cincinnati held on November 30, 2023.

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Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

Dwight Young

Executive director

1/25/2024

Date

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